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## **County Executive Chris Abele Supports County Board Proposal for \$15/Hr Living Wage**

**MILWAUKEE** – Following a vote by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors to increase the County's minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2022, Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele released the following statement.

"Government works best and serves the most people when we focus our time and effort on what we agree on, not on our differences.

"The County Board and I have at times disagreed on the best path to a sustainable \$15 per hour living wage, but the important thing is not whether we get to that wage by 2021, which I proposed in my budget, or by 2022, which the Board approved today.

"The important thing is that we are all working together to invest in ways to put people on the path to a family-sustaining career and we are sending a strong message to other employers that investing in our workers is investing in our community and our future.

"I look forward to a continued partnership with the County Board as we invest in programs and infrastructure that attack the root causes of systemic poverty and racial inequities, such as workforce development, efforts to address income inequality, criminal justice reform, public safety and mental health, and transportation."

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